THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (f) According to the report submitted by the State Government, 73 persons belonging to both communities lost their lives and property was also destroyed in the communal riots which broke out on 20th May, 1991, particularly in Meerut, Kanpur, Bulandshahar, Varanasi and Allahabad as per details given below:

Name of the Distt.	No. of persons killed
Meerut	30
Kanpur	18
Bulandshahar . . .	11
Varanasi	10
Allahabad	4

Public Order being a State subject, it is for the State Government to take decisions regarding grant of ex-gratia to the kith and kin of the victims or the desirability of ordering a judicial enquiry.

Killings in Punjab

293. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of innocent persons and terrorists killed in Punjab during the last three years till date, year-wise; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to curb terrorism in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB):

Year	No. of persons killed by terrorists	No of terrorists killed
1989 . . .	1168*	699
1990 . .	2467*	1321
1991 (up to May) . . .	1107*	838

*Including policemen killed

(b) Security forces have been asked to intensify anti-terrorist measures including laying of Nakas and ambushes to deal effectively with the situation.

Processing of documents in respect of Indians who returned from Gulf

294. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the special steps taken by Government to ensure the speedy processing of documents and other technicalities, so that those who have come back to India after the break up of war in the Gulf region can safely and speedily return to their respective places of work?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): The special steps taken by the Government are:

(i) waiver of the recovery of the cost of repatriation in the case of Indian nationals repatriated from Kuwait and Iraq during the period from 2 August, 1990 to 14 March, 1991;

(ii) deletion of restrictive endorsements from passports of evacuees covered under para (i) above;

(iii) cancellation of bonds furnished by evacuees covered under para (i) above;

(iv) in cases of evacuees who returned to India on Emergency Certificates, Passport Officers in

India were instructed to issue short validity passports for one year on receipt of completed applications after satisfying about Indian nationality of applicant, genuineness and proof for urgent travel for employment or business;

(v) Indian passports issued by the Embassy of India in Kuwait may be renewed without insisting on verification by Indian police where passport appears genuine within five working days of submission of complete application;

(vi) where an evacuee entered into India on an emergency certificate, and submits a photocopy of emergency certificate he will be issued, on request, a new passport of normal validity subject to completion of formalities required under EAP(1) form;

(vii) where an evacuee produces a document showing offer of employment in Kuwait he may be rendered passport services expeditiously; and

(viii) the requirement of obtaining emigration clearance for Gulf returnees from Kuwait and Iraq who wish to go for employment to any part of the Gulf region has been suspended for a period of six months to be counted from 12/18 April, 1991. The passports of the concerned persons wishing to avail of this benefit would be endorsed "ECNR" for Gulf region for a period of six months. Stamping will be done by any of the Protector of Emigrants/ Regional Passport Offices. Such endorsements will be given on production of some documentary evidence to establish that the individual has earlier served in Iraq or Kuwait. Passport entries will be taken as sufficient proof for this purpose. No other document, such as employment contract for fresh employment or any other document will be insisted upon while granting such exemption to Gulf returnees from Kuwait and Iraq.

12 Noon.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1989-90) of the Rehabilitation Plantation Limited, Punalur and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1989-90) of the Repatriates Cooperative Finance and Development Bank Limited, Madras and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rehabilitation Plantations Limited, Punalur, for the year 1989-90, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Company.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-63/91].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Repatriates Cooperative Finance and Development Bank Limited, Madras, for the year 1989-90 together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Bank.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-64/91].